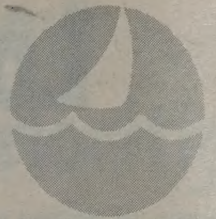


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Elk Point's New Year baby girl

by Irene Magnusson

The first day of the New Year was still hours from dawning when Elk Point's New Year Baby made her appearance. Christine Megan, a beautiful baby girl, arrived at 5:34 a.m., January 1, 1987, to the delight of her mother, Doris McGillvery, and father Ralph Benson.

Christine Megan weighed in at a bouncing 9 pounds, 4 ounces, with dark hair and an agreeable disposition - not even crying when the flash went off. She joins one sister, Nicole Marie, age 4 years.

On Friday, January 2, Royal Lady Erika Bender, of the Elk Point O.O.R.P. (Order of Royal

Purple), presented the newcomer and her mother with a large basket of the necessities of life for a newborn, including a few toys for later on, carrying on the annual tradition of the Royal Purple, who choose to honor the firstborn of each New Year.

The maternal grandparents of Christine Megan are Mary and Bud Smith, while her great-grandmother, Marian Smith, is well known around Elk Point, and makes her home in the Heritage Lodge.

Congratulations to the proud parents, best wishes to the New Year's Babe, and may the coming years deliver all life's best.



BABY NEW YEAR — And her mother, Doris McGillvery, are presented with a large collection of gifts by Elk Point Order of Royal Purple Honored Royal Lady

Erika Bender. The 9 lb. 4 oz. baby girl arrives promptly at 5:34 a.m. on New Year's morning.

Looking back

Another year has passed into history, with its joys and sorrows, its triumphs and tribulations. Here on the doorstep of a brand new year, let us take one last, fond look at the twelve months just passed.

JANUARY: Elk Point's 1986 New Year's baby arrived in the early hours of January 9, with delighted parents Pam and Randy Ballas naming their wee daughter Kristyn Pamela.

The Elk Point Lions Club celebrated fifteen years of service to the community with a well attended Charter Night on January 15. John Williams and Lawrence Modin are the only two charter members who still belong to the club.

Pan Canadian Petroleum Limited representatives visited Town Council at their first meeting of the year to present the scope of their proposed project in the Lindbergh oilfield.

The Elk Point Chamber of Commerce (remember them?) studied a lengthy list of goals for 1986 at their first meeting of the year, with 27 members and guests present.

Six new Cubs were enrolled in the Elk Point pack, with many parents on hand for the program, which included some very imaginative skits.

Jimmy Yarmuch, Gary Lesyk and Vincent Lawrence had the three top hands in the Spring

Park Poker Rally, while the RCMP Scarlettes won their very first Ringette trophy at a tournament in Irma.

Seventeen members of Elk Point's business community packed the Town Council chambers for the second regular meeting of the month, to protest the Town's decision to sign a contract for non-residential garbage collection with Laidlaw Waste Systems, and peppered Council with questions for one and one half hours.

St. Paul's peewee hockey team won the Westmin Cup, in a tournament which highlighted Minor Hockey Week 1986. The Elk Point Bantams, meanwhile, kicked off a fundraising campaign aimed at paying the team's way to a 60 team multi-national tournament in Port Coquitlam, B.C., later in the year.

The Molson Canadian Oldtimers hockey team visited Elk Point for a highly entertaining game against the Frog Lake T-Birds, proving that the younger set are not the only stars who get out a good crowd for hockey games.

Pan Canadian Petroleum ended the month on an upbeat note, as they unveiled plans for their proposed development and huge office complex at an open house which was well attended by local residents.

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Snow removal priorities

By Pat Vincent
Town of Elk Point

It almost seems inappropriate, and surely an invitation to the weatherman to accommodate us with a major snow storm, to be writing about municipal snow removal priorities when we have

enjoyed one of the mildest autumns and early winters on record, with very little precipitation to speak of.

However, in preparation for the next big snowfall we wish to remind long time residents and

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'87 - Don't expect a lot

By Clare Gauvreau
St. Paul Journal

Don't look for any major changes to the area's economy in 1987, at least that's the word from local municipal and political leaders. While they don't see things getting any worse, they're certainly not looking for much new growth either.

According to the local experts, 1987 will be a year of holding onto what we've got.

Proposed provincial government cutbacks are hanging over the heads of municipalities with no indication yet as to the extent of those cutbacks.

But, MLA John Drobot told the Journal he doesn't see cutbacks affecting municipal bodies "too seriously".

"Nineteen-eighty-seven is a year of restraint, but we'll more than hold our own," Drobot said. "Historically we've (Alberta) always had our ups and downs."

But, county reeve Robert Bouchard said the municipality has a "long shopping list" this year and is concerned whether government funds will be forthcoming.

"Fortunately we are in a very good financial state right now and that's a real plus when you go into a new year with reserves. But, it will be a very slow year if we don't get the provincial funding we need," he said. "As far as regular municipal grants go we have no indication of what funding is available."

Bouchard's biggest worry is with education funding. With 75 per cent of it going to salaries,

cutbacks will most probably see teaching staff reductions in the county, he said.

"We've got very little control over it (education funding), and (if funding is cut) there'll definitely have to be some reductions somewhere. As far as I'm concerned the taxpayers can't afford to pay any more."

St. Paul mayor Paul Langevin is also waiting to hear where exactly cutbacks will be made and by how much. The town has a number of projects they'd like to see get underway with the priorities being improvements to the sewage and water treatment plants.

"We haven't heard how we're going to be affected yet, but there's always a fear that municipal capital expenditures will be affected," he said.

Langevin sees the St. Paul economy remaining about the same as that of 1986. He points to an average year for construction and said the building of the new courthouse, set to get underway this spring, will have the town holding a sizeable building permit dollar value.

And, Langevin is confident the retail sector will be able to "hold its own" as it has in the past.

Meanwhile, John Trefanenko, former chairman of the St. Paul Economic Development Board, said while 1986 proved to be a "fairly good year" for St. Paul he believes the town, as with many other Alberta communities, may experience some loss of economic buoyancy because of the continued depressed state of

agriculture, and the oil and gas industry. And, government cutbacks could mean staff reductions at local provincial offices, equating to less consumer spending in St. Paul.

Despite these concerns, Trefanenko is quick to point out that St. Paul's strong point remains the fact that it is the service centre of the northeast region.

"The St. Paul business sector is proud of this designation and, even when the Canadian and Albertan economy is not the brightest, become more innovative in providing good products and great service to the people of the northeast region," he said.

Elk Point mayor Byron Mann doesn't envision any substantial growth at all in his community during 1987 and he's also worried about possible government cutbacks.

"One of the bigger problems this year will be municipalities adjusting to provincial cutbacks and spending. I'm not sure how it's going to impact us or how it's going to impact our own spending," he said.

Despite world oil prices looking slightly healthier during the last couple of months, Mann foresees no turnaround in Elk Point's oil industry which has been in a severe slump since prices began to tumble in early 1986.

"The increase in price only ensures there won't be any more cutbacks here and the population should be stable," he said.

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Looking back on 1986

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FEBRUARY: The Elk Point and District Lions Club took advantage of warm weather and plenty of snow to host a mammoth Poker Rally at Stoney Lake, which attracted 208 registrants and was won by Rodger Raeduck, Randy Hegedus and Jack Lorensen with the three top hands.

The Lindbergh Mixed Bonspiel, also held on the first weekend of the month, ground to a premature halt when a lengthy power failure plunged the Windsor Club into darkness. The Murray Babcock rink took the Grand Challenge game over the Mitch Maksymuk rink of Edmonton in the only final completed before the lights went out. The rinks in the blacked-out games amicably declared ties and split up the prizes.

A two hundred foot span of the old Elk Point bridge drew lots of attention from local residents as it set off on a journey to a new location north of LaCorey.

A bumper crop of new Brownies,

Guides and Pathfinders were enrolled, giving the Brownies a total of fourteen members, the Guides six and Pathfinders four.

Council was still deep in the garbage issue at their first meeting of the month, while the Chamber continued to discuss new goals.

Attendance at the 1986 Heinsburg Snowmobile Poker Rally nearly doubled that for the previous year, with 171 enthusiasts registered, and Gordon Hallman, Tom Johre and Darcy Semenik were declared winners of the major prizes.

The Porta Construction trophy went to Wainwright Kinsmen Bantams in an eight team tournament in Elk Point.

Murray Babcock skipped his mixed curling foursome to another championship on the Valentines Day weekend, as the Elk Point Mixed Bonspiel hit the ice. The Jim Fell rink claimed Second Event honors, while Reo Van Maaron skipped the Third Event winners.

Dark clouds loomed on the horizon for oil companies in the Lindbergh field, as world oil prices began to drop, with many taking careful looks at the situation and beginning to apply the brakes on their projects. Oil service companies were severely effected, with their work loads cut drastically, forcing layoffs of employees.

Council tied up the garbage issue, to their own satisfaction, at least, by the passage of three bylaws authorizing the Town to sign agreements for both residential and non-residential garbage collection, and to levy a fee for non-residential use of the sanitary landfill site.

Traffic problems in Elk Point were the prime topic of discussion for the Chamber, with the new goals pushed to the back burner.

Lindbergh Ladies Bonspiel Grand Challenge was won by an Elk Point rink skipped by Audrey Smith, while the second and third events were won by the Nellie Hillebrand rink and the

Debbie Ballas rink, respectively.

The Lloydminster Allstars topped the 13th Annual Elk Point Pacers Basketball tournament, with seven teams taking part.

The St. Paul Midgets won the Dave's Pizza trophy in the Elk Point Midget Hockey tournament, which saw the host team defeated by Mallaig in the "B" side final.

Elk Point's new General Municipal Plan was presented to the public at an open house in the Elk Point Municipal Library, with plans for tripling the town's area, adding a curved collector road through residential areas and circling the south and west boundaries with an arterial road. An annexation hearing on 240 acres east of Highway 41 which was part of the expanded land base in the new GMP, was held earlier that same day.

Alban Bugej was returned as president of the Elk Point Surface Rights Association at that group's annual meeting, with traffic and road problems, air and water monitoring studies discussed, and guest speakers from the Energy Information Centre, Alberta Energy and Natural Resources, and a Lloydminster law firm specializing in surface rights.

Elk Point Skating Club took a good crowd of spectators "Around The World - on Ice" at their 10th annual ice carnival on February 28.

MARCH: Talented performers from a wide area converged on Elk Point for the ACT Search for Talent, with 22 acts and two guest performances.

Visiting rinks swept up the honors in the Men's Open Bonspiel, won by the Noel Looy rink of St. Paul. An Edmonton rink skipped by Dan Holowaychuk took the second event trophies, while Jim Rupp's Bonnyville rink won the third event.

Bulk food shopping came to Elk Point, with the opening of Country Bulk Food, the brainchild of longtime Elk Point business owners Roy and Doreen Watson.

Town Council voted to forego an 1986 Annual Meeting for the Town, and instead to publish the Municipal Inspector's report, as is permissible under the Municipal Government Act. Council also spent much time in discussion of plans for the development of Phase I of the recreation land, and also discussed input from the Chamber regarding proposed traffic control measures.

An open house and school and science fairs were part of the Education Week activities in Elk Point. Suzanne Rae was the School Fair aggregate winner, while entries created by Matthew Veer, Cody Lawrence and Jason Morris topped the Science Fair.

Cliff Martin's St. Paul foursome took home the Grand Challenge trophies in the ever-popular Town and Country Bonspiel, with second event winners skipped by Lynall Slywka and third event going to the Gary Kozicky rink.

The Elk Point Scarlettes hosted a four team Ringette tourney, which

was won by the Paradise Valley squad.

The Chamber hosted a special Agriculture Week dinner meeting, with Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture Bill Dent as guest speaker. About forty people attended the meeting, which was also addressed by District Agriculturalist Kirsty Piquette and District Home Economist Becky Lore.

Amoco Canada Ltd. was the first oil company with interests in the Elk Point area to take drastic measures in the light of the world oil price slump, announcing in mid-March that all Amoco wells in the Lindbergh field had been shut in, for an indefinite period of time.

A Nova Scotia man lost his life in a vehicle accident just outside the town limits on Highway 41 south of Elk Point, while a local resident was rushed to Edmonton with massive injuries.

The Last Hurrah, at least as far as no-hit hockey was concerned, went to the St. Paul Western Inn Bruins in a 16-team tournament in Elk Point.

The Elk Point Curling Club raised \$1500 in pledges at their first "Curlarama" fundraising funspiel, although only four rinks took part.

Lois Yaremkevich was named the regional cribbage champion, and was presented with the Chemical Workers Union trophy.

Wayne Smith skipped the winning rink in the Texaco farmers' bonspiel, and, along with the second place rink skipped by Barrie Young, went on to provincial competition in Red Deer.

The Homco rink, skipped by Reo Van Maaron, took the Heavy Oil Grand Challenge in the Third Annual Oilmen's Bonspiel, with 48 rinks taking part. The Spears Well Service rink won the Oil Sands event, the CEDA rink topped the Huff and Puff event, and the Guilberson rink won the Thermal Flood event.

Town Council turned its thoughts to the details of tenders for upgrading the water treatment plant, while the Chamber made plans for the official opening of the new Elk Point bridge.

The Dewberry Colts were the proud winners of the Atom "B" Provincial playoffs, while Elk Point's peewees advanced to the provincial "C" playoffs, taking good wishes from the entire town with them.

One of Elk Point's favorite coffee-time haunts was back in business, with a gala grand opening for an all new, much larger Elk Point Burger Bar, owned and operated by the ever-friendly Roland and Jean Gascon and family.

The Elk Point Outlaws wound up the broomball season, with a fourth place finish in the Northeast Alberta Winter Games, and a "B" side win in the Marwayne tournament.

St. Paul and Bonnyville teams were declared the winners in a six team Atom hockey tournament hosted by the Elk Point Atoms, who were the "A" side runners-up.

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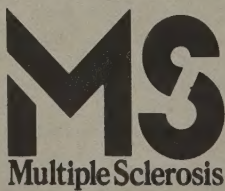
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87 - Don't expect a lot

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A priority with the town this year will be improving recreation facilities. While Mann said the council has yet to settle on anything definite, it is interested primarily in building new facilities, but that will also all depend on government funding.

According to Mann, "stable is a more appropriate word than growth (to describe 1987)."

Holeters top no-hit tourney

The Elk Point Hotelers took top honors in a 12 team no-hit hockey tournament held in Elk Point this past weekend, defeating Kehewin 7-1 in the "A" side final. Ranfurly defeated the hosting Lingbergh Last Knights 4-1 to take "B" side honors.

In the "A" side final, Bob Lett scored three goals for the Hotelers, with Doug LeClair and Ted Koska adding two apiece. Ray Badger scored the lone Kehewin goal.

Ranfurly scorers in the "B" final were Dave Durg, Dave Tillibeck, Darcy Zwarich, and Doyle Wasyliein, while Tyler Morris scored for the Last Knights.

Also taking part in the tournament were the Corlan Crusaders, B&R, Heinsburg, Clandonald, Bonnyville Oldtimers, Glendon Oldtimers, Mannville Roadrunners and Myrnam Oldtimers.

The Last Knights report a well attended and successful tournament, and extend their thanks to all who supported the tournament, as well as to all who came to cheer on the teams.

Obituaries

BABENEK, Mr. Fred

On January 2, Mr. Fred Babenek of Elk Point passed away at the age of 82 years. He is survived by his loving wife, Nettie; 3 sons and 3 daughters: Bill and his wife Gayle of Ft. McMurray, Richard and his wife Mary of Edmonton, Ed and his wife Elaine of St. Paul, Olga and her husband Stan Dmytrash of Elk Point, Marie and her husband Walter Lesyk of Elk Point, and Roselynn and her husband Ed Nazarchuk of Elk Point; 15 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and 1 brother, Bill of Poland. Prayer services were held Monday, January 5 at 8:00 p.m. at Yewchin's Funeral Chapel, St. Paul. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 6 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Elk Point. Reverend Fr. D. Hohol officiated with interment in the church cemetery.

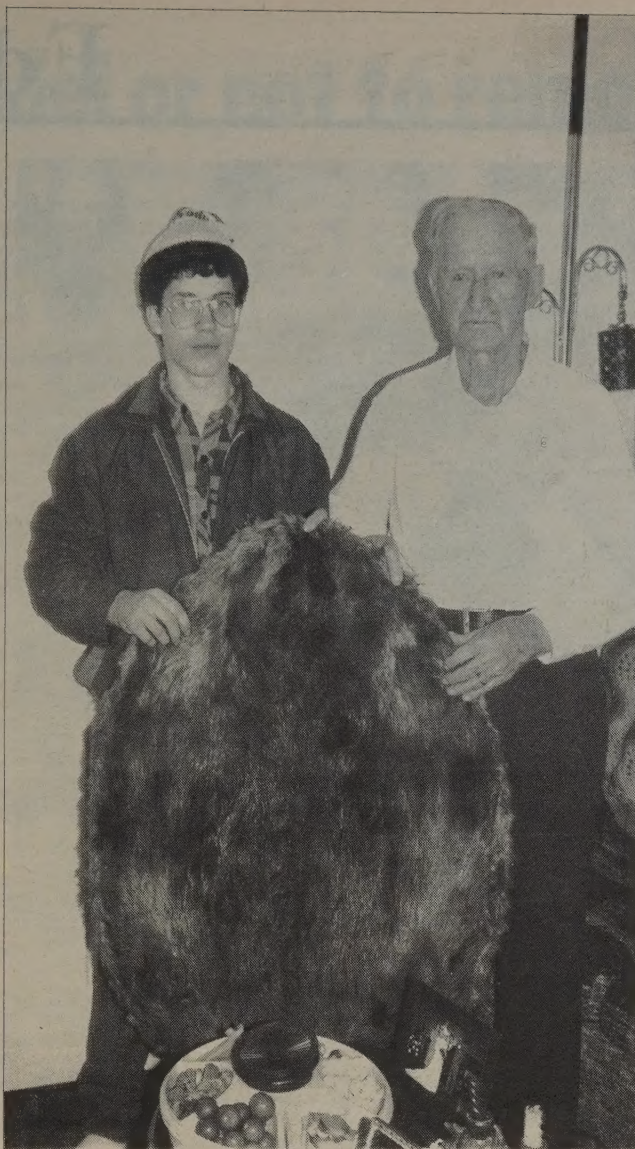
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SMITH, Mr. Gerald Milo

On January 3, 1987 Mr. Gerald Milo Smith of Sandy River, formerly of Elk Point, passed away at the age of 53 years. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary; 4 sons and 2 daughters: Ronald Wayne of Iron River, Robert Lee, Roger Alan, Reg Thomas and Tanya Mary all at home, Tammy Lorraine and her husband Rodney Schwartz of Thorhild; 3 granddaughters: Melissa, Allesha, and Sherrise; his loving mother, Mrs. Marion Smith of Elk Point; and 3 brothers: Harold A. (Bud) Smith of Elk Point; Roy Oliver Smith of Winfield, B.C.; and Neil James Smith of Winfield, B.C. He was predeceased by one son, Gerald Milo Ray Smith in 1960 and his father, Harold in 1977. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 7 at 2:30 p.m. at the Elk Point United Church. Reverend Sam Donaldson officiating with interment in the Elk Point West Cemetery. In lieu of florals, donations to the Alberta Heart Foundation would be greatly appreciated.

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STRANGER IN THESE PARTS — The raccoon, whose large hide is displayed by Roger Osinchuk and his great-grandfather Bill Osinchuk, is a most unusual sight in this area. The raccoon was found run over near Roger's home in the Landonville area, ten miles north of Clandonald.

Obituary

FELIX, Mrs. Eva

On December 26, 1986 Mrs. Eva Felix of Elk Point passed away at the age of 79 years. She is survived by 3 sons: Bill Howse of Edmonton, Edward Howse of Elk Point, and Jim Arnault of Calgary. Also, 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur in 1978 and 4 daughters: Ena, Dana, Ruth and Margaret. Prayer services were held Sunday, December 28 at 9:00 p.m. at Yewchin's Funeral Chapel, St. Paul. Funeral services were held Monday, December 29 at 11:00 a.m. at the Baptist Church, Elk Point. Pastor John McGregor officiated with interment in the Elk Point East Cemetery.

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Card of Thanks

WICKHAM

I would like to thank my dear friends, family and relatives for all their cares, prayers and visits during my stay in the University Hospital and the Pincher Creek Hospital, and also for the care given to my family. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten. I am hoping to be released from the Pincher Creek Hospital soon. Thank you all.

Evelyn Wickham

BELATED SEASON'S GREETINGS

To Friends & Acquaintances from Mae Hendrickson.

Winter snow removal priorities

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inform recently relocated residents of the priorities for winter street maintenance and snow removal:

1. snowplowing 50th Avenue from Highway 41 to 54th Street, 51st Street from 50th Avenue to 55th Avenue, 50th Street from 55th Avenue to 50th Avenue.
2. snowplowing street in downtown commercial area
3. snowplowing industrial and residential streets and public parking lots
4. snowplowing municipal lanes and alleys
5. snow removal in downtown commercial area
6. snow removal in municipal lanes and alleys

The public works department staff will endeavor to keep municipal streets in reasonably safe winter driving condition by responding as the circumstances dictate with snow plowing or removal and sanding of street within the equipment and manpower capabilities of municipal resources.

We believe residents will recognize that during heavier snowfalls it will take longer for municipal forces to maintain the streets. During that period all drivers are reminded to exercise caution and to be especially alert in areas where winter street maintenance is being undertaken.

We believe residents of Elk Point will be well served by municipal winter street maintenance efforts and enjoy a level of service of which the town can proudly boast.

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Editorial

Surefire predictions

It is traditional at this time of year for newspaper editors and columnists to make long lists of predictions for the coming year. What will happen during the next twelve months, we wonder? We're ... not ... sure, but here's just a few possibilities.

During January, 98% of the people in Elk Point who own a chequebook will write "1986" on at least one cheque.

During February and March, this reporter, along with a large percentage of the population, will spend more time on weekends at the curling rink and/or arena than at home.

During April, we will be overrun with those dratted, funny-colored bunnies again, as Easter approaches.

In May, bluejeaned teenagers will be miraculously transformed into gorgeously gowned and groomed young ladies and handsome young men in tuxedos as Graduation 1987 rolls around.

In June, talk will turn to paving, as everyone waits impatiently for the highway to be finished and streets to be improved ready for the tourist season.

In July, headlines will read "Canada Day Celebrations, Biggest and Best Ever" as we

celebrate not only the 120th birthday of our nation, but the 25th anniversary of Elk Point's incorporation as a town and the 80th anniversary of the arrival of our first permanent settlers as well.

In August, farmers in the district will take long drives to check out the condition and harvest potential of their crops and their neighbors' crops, then go home to patch up the harvest machinery for another year.

In September, the kids will head gleefully back to school, moms will heave a sigh of relief, and dads will shake their heads at the cost of outfitting a child for school these days.

In October, we will get the harvest in, God willing, and be able to sell a little bit of it, Wheat Board willing.

In November, we will start thinking hockey and curling again, and will make our annual subzero trek to the cenotaph.

In December, we will all rush around buying presents people don't need with money we can't afford, and when all the presents are unwrapped and the turkey eaten, we will say -- "Well, guess that's another year gone!"

Have a good one, everybody!

Silver anniversary

Congratulations to the Town of Elk Point on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the incorporation of the Town, January 1, 1962.

During the ensuing quarter century, this community has undergone many changes, and has seen considerable growth and development. Along with increased population, has come an ever-growing network of services and amenities to serve the increased needs.

Back in 1962, the prediction that Elk Point would grow in size and in economic base to its present level by 1987 would have likely seemed like a pipe dream. Who would have believed then that this sleepy little town would

become part of a huge oil boom, and that a period of dramatic growth would occur?

Who would have foreseen the construction of a large, modern hospital, two seniors residences and a seniors lodge, a multi-million dollar water treatment and distribution facility, two large schools, a bustling business district, and streets and streets lined with fine homes and apartment blocks?

Truly, Elk Point in 1987 would be an amazing and beautiful sight to those who made it into a town twenty five years ago.

Just think what it will be like in the year 2012!



AS WE LOOK IN OUR "SEEDS OF HOPE" BOOK — And remember the lovely flowers of last summer, we gain courage to last out the winter, when even a very mild winter such as we are experiencing can be long and draggy, knowing we will see the colors and beauty again next year.

Alberta Trails

Seeds of love

Once again we enter a brand new year, as usual so weighted down with troubles and sorrows, strife and misery, that we shouldn't be surprised if we see everyone going around with chin on chest, furrows in their brows and shoulders sagging with the load of the world's problems.

All day we hear news of bombings, plane wrecks, shipwrecks, explosions. There are starving peoples in devastated lands. There is hopeless ignorance, disease, brutality. Some folks work hard, save their money so they can go to vacation in the southern sun - only to be burned alive in a holiday hotel. Others are robbed of their savings, beaten and molested by criminals - who are often members of their own families.

We may well wonder how humanity will survive. Fortunately, the mind has a cut-off mechanism - or so it seems to me - whereby it will shut itself off and just go numb when faced with too great a load of misery. Which is a good thing, or we'd go insane with pain and grief for our fellow man. We still KNOW these terrible things exist, yet we can put them aside enough to continue our own lives, even to enjoy them - and, as we are able - to help the less fortunate in whatever way we can.

Miraculously "Hope springs eternal in the human breast." I don't know if that is from the Scriptures or the works of Wm. Shakespeare (or wherever). I believe it to be true, else how could we continue on?

We see mankind pursuing the most foolish and devastating courses, with risk to pocketbooks, health and life itself, all the while telling themselves they are "having fun." Smoking is one such case, the evidence being that there is nothing - but NOTHING - good about it. It is an expensive, dangerous and deadly habit, yet so many pursue it, and we groan for humanity. There seems no light at the end of that tunnel.

Then we hear of some group (or perhaps it is only one person) who will use his/her influence to attempt

to change the situation. Such as the Misericordia Hospital Management, who will ban smoking. I vote them a large Hurray! and all success. Never again do I want to ride in an ambulance with a loved one ill of a lung ailment, and be smoked at for hours by the driver and attendant. Never again do I want to wait endless grief-filled hours in a waiting room so drenched in tobacco fumes you could cut it with a knife. A step has been taken in the right direction. And hope rises. God grant them the courage of their convictions.

New discoveries in medicine are made, sources of infection tracked down, cures found, treatments contrived. If we could but use the knowledge available for 'keeping healthy' as well as we try to find cures for after we are sick - we could possibly cut a great deal of suffering from the human races.

Then we can turn to the small things, the little lights along our pathways, things that seem to lighten our load of woe and brighten our outlook on life.

One of these lights on our horizon could be the Post Office. Here we have gone through the last few weeks, stuffing a vast extra quantity of mail into the slots, receiving an equally vast amount back from the distributing arrangement. Aside from the aggravation of trying to do our duty, by filling in those little bars on those idiotic pink slots they made all over our Christmas card envelopes this year, most of the mail has gone through undamaged, and in good time. I even mailed one parcel five days after the cut-off date for Vancouver mail - and they received it the day before Christmas!

So there are reasons for hope in the postal department. On top of this, when all the Christmas mail has dried up, and not even any flyers in the box, nothing to make it worthwhile to pick up the mail - it would seem - what do we find, this January 2nd day, but a sparkling, colorful, hopeful seed catalogue!

Elk Point OORP presents to peds

by Irene Magnusson

On December 24, Royal Lady Erika Bender and Lady Stella Blazenko, of the Elk Point Order of Royal Purple, made their annual presentation of a gift of toys to the Elk Point Hospital Pediatrics ward. Only a very few children were in hospital at that time, as any who could be were allowed to be at home for Christmas Eve and the coming of Santa, but those who were there were highly receptive of the large box of toys and dolls delivered by the charity of the O.O.R.P. Nurses were on hand to accept the welcome gift, which will be appreciated all year long.

Sorry - pictures did not turn out.

Birthday of a pioneer

by Irene Magnusson

The birthday of an Elk Point pioneer was marked quietly by Mr. Wm. (Bill) Bartling, on January 2. This 'almost' New Year's Birthday Boy ended his 86th year in the Elk Point Hospital, served cake and berries by his loving wife Josephine (Jo) and friend Mrs. Bender. Residents of the hospital extended care wing also marked the day with him. Mr. Bartling, who has been in hospital for some time, said he felt "fairly well" as he commenced his 87th year.

Thank you, McFayden, and all you other seed growers, who send your best full - color pictures of the fruits of the earth to brighten our lives in mid - winter. When we look out at the frozen gardens, the withered vines like dark whips above the snow, and know there is no activity there except perhaps a mouse or vole burrowing for a seed or two under the snow crystals, perhaps a spider wandering in some lost cruise - then isn't it wonderful to open our bright dew - fresh picture book, and see what we can hope to grow come spring?

There are so many varieties I've never tried, and look at the colors! They look so good one could almost lick them right off the page. There is Astilbe. I saw that growing in a park in Coquitlam last summer. Will it grow here? At least there is hope.

And roses! Do we ever have roses like the ones in their book? I'm sure every rose I've ever planted died on me, but of course, I'll try again. There is even a blue one. And a hanging basket of strawberries - wouldn't that be easier to pick than crawling down that long row? I think I'm too old to plant peaches - they'd never get mature enough to produce in my time - would they? But I can have hundreds of petunias - and perhaps my bleeding heart will bloom for me next year?

I could try a few gladiolus again; last year I only had one bloom. I think the bugs ate the bulbs out. There must be something, in all those pages of glorious bloom, that the slugs won't nestle into. And how about that super pumpkin - growing to 517 pounds! I don't see any instructions for getting it out of the garden afterwards - but who cares? With a seed we have hope.

So I will close my typewriter for now, and dip deep into my little hope-book. Maybe it will make me forget my miserable cold, and the woes of the world, and the forecasted freezing rain. I will let my 'hope - for - the - better' germs develop. And with this, I will wish you, one and all, a Happy New Year.



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To remodel or not to remodel — the dilemma

Unless a person has all kinds of money, probably the first thing to think about before remodeling a farm home is whether it is worth the effort.

Remodeling can be expensive and before a person pumps big dollars into the old farm house they should assess the structural soundness of the home, says a specialist with Alberta Agriculture.

There is no point in putting good money into a major upgrading project which still leaves the owner with an old house that is uncomfortable or doesn't meet their needs, says Donna Bagdan, provincial housing specialist with the department in Edmonton.

Depending on the objectives, the homeowner has three options to weigh when considering improvements: they can renovate; build an addition or build a new home, says Bagdan.

"How well the house was built originally and how well it has been kept up is important," she says. "The physical aspects of changing a house are rarely a problem, although the economics must be questioned."

Bagdan says some people opt for renovations for the wrong reasons. She says there is nothing wrong with remodeling a home, as long as the homeowner makes sure it makes sense.

She says some of the reasons used to justify remodeling a house include: the structure has sentimental value; the existing home site is fully developed and there is no room for a new house; the family can live in it while the work is being done; and

because it is a smaller project the family feels it can do most of the work themselves, saving on labor costs.

"But, rarely should these be the most important points to consider," she says. "The structural soundness of the existing home should be the first concern."

In remodeling an existing structure there can be plenty of surprises, and none can be more devastating than the final bill, she says.

It costs about \$50 a square foot to build a new farm home at today's prices, says the housing specialist.

"The cost of converting existing space can be done for between 33 and 66 percent less than the cost of new space, while the cost of an addition can range from 10 to 25 percent more than the cost per square foot of the same space in a new home.

"If a person was thinking about building an addition, it may be more practical to fully develop an attic, basement, porch, garage or carport, or convert space from a seldom used area such as bedroom, vacated by a college student into needed space such as a farm business office."

Updating space by reorganizing, modernizing kitchens, bathrooms and entries may make better use of the space available.

As far as saving money by doing some of the work yourself, it is important to consider that in new home construction, material represents about 70 to 75 percent of the cost, while labor represents only 25 to 30 percent of the cost.

"A farmer has to consider it might be more cost efficient to spend his efforts doing something else around the farm than working on the house," says Bagdan.

When planning a remodeling project, the housing specialist has a few pointers:

*Assess the structural soundness of the house first.

*Come up with a plan, but allow plenty of time (even several months) to mull it over and mentally visualize how the plan will work with the rest of the house.

*Get written estimates and signed contracts with the contractors setting out the terms of the work to be done.

*On most projects, the farmer and his family can act as the general con-

tractor and hire the sub-trades as needed.

*Any renovations or additions should be done so they blend in with the existing house. Materials and design should match, so it isn't obvious where the addition was made.

"If work is being done to upgrade or add on to an older home it should blend throughout," says the housing specialist. "And today with the type of building materials available that isn't unrealistic. It may take a bit of searching but for probably the same money people should be able to find trims, doors, windows and even exterior siding materials that are the same or will blend well with the existing house."

"Any of the work being done should

be considered a long term investment. It is going to be work that should meet your needs and be comfortable for you and your family for years to come."

Farm families considering renovations or building a new home can contact their nearest Alberta Agriculture district home economist or regional engineer for a checklist that is useful in determining the structural soundness of a home.

There are also several publications available from the department which provide good advice and there is a comprehensive homestudy course on Farm Home Planning which, in step-by-step fashion, goes through all the things people need to do when building or remodeling.

Face of agriculture industry changing

Over the long haul the agricultural industry around the world is being allowed to find its legs again after a period of expensive government intervention which in some ways caused more problems than it solved.

The face of agriculture is changing says an expert with Alberta Agriculture in Edmonton. It has already happened in some countries and the writing is on the wall in North America.

Rather than be influenced by multi-billion dollar subsidy and support programs, agriculture is getting back to being competitive through producer efficiency, says Dr. Joe Rosario, trade policy director for the department.

"It is a global phenomenon that government support of agriculture is being withdrawn," he said in a recent interview. "The change is happening because governments realize that the amount of intervention shown in agriculture has not solved the problems. Governments realize there is a limit to what they can do."

"If our agriculture is to survive it will survive on the basis of its performance in export markets and its ability to survive in a very competitive situation."

Rosario says the ongoing Canada/U.S. trade negotiations are an indication of those changes that are taking place.

Governments throughout the world have made tremendous financial commitments to agriculture which cannot be sustained.

"Looking at the U.S. Farm Bill, nearly every congressman and every senator realizes it is not possible to sustain these expenditures indefinitely," he says. "As temporary measures some of them work, but in the long run U.S. agriculture will be

involved in a more competitive environment. The farmers that survive will be those who are efficient."

The Canadian agriculture industry is in a similar situation.

"When you look at the problems caused by world surpluses of commodities, such as wheat, to a large extent the problem is a result of government intervention," he says. "Governments have provided a level of support to maintain production that the market cannot sustain. We are producing more than we need."

Rosario says Australia and New Zealand have already taken steps to let their agriculture industries stand alone.

"I don't think any farmer is going to wake up one morning and find the government has said 'go fend for yourself,'" says the trade specialist. "It will be a gradual, evolving concept that comes about slowly. It will be some kind of compromise between self-help and outside help. There is no easy formula."

In Canada, the changes will also involve greater co-operation between provinces.

"It will be to our advantage in Western Canada to get our house in order too," he says. "It will be important to resolve any regional differences and inter-provincial barriers so that we are operating at maximum efficiency."

He says the changes are not only for the sake of efficiency, but for social good as well.

The changes will be important to such things as the survival of the family farm. Rosario says the family farm concept will also go through changes. It will have to keep pace to perform efficiently in the global market.

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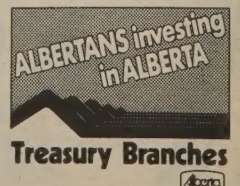
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Clandonald News

By Shirley Osinchuk

All the very best to all of you in 1987.

On Sunday, December 21, the Landonville Hall was filled for an old-fashioned Christmas Concert. Willie Osinchuk and Dennis Gerik played their guitars for singing Christmas songs between acts in the concert. Small members of the community recited poems, and acted out a pantomime "Chewing Gum Goes a Long Way". Four "older kids" presented a skit entitled "School Daze".

After the Christmas Alphabet was recited, everyone enjoyed a potluck dinner. The old fellow in red, Santa Claus, put in his appearance, to give out gifts, oranges and candy canes, to finish off the afternoon.

Congratulations to Lucille and George Clack, who celebrated their fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on December 30.

The Landonville Whist Drives are planned for January 7 and 21,

February 4 and 18, and March 4 and 18. They begin at 7 p.m. in the Landonville Hall.

Church times this month are 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Bible Fellowship Church and January 4 and 18 at 11 a.m., and January 11 and 25 at 9 a.m. in the Catholic Church.

The Ladies' Afternoon Curling League will be on Wednesdays, starting on January 7. The Farmers' Bonspiel is January 8 to 10, and the Men's Bonspiel, on January 28 to February 1. Gary Harasiuk is the person to contact about entering the bonspiels. (853-6513)

The 4-H Beef Club meets at 7:30 on Monday, January 12 in the school. The 4-H Broken Stitches Sewing Club meets the following evening, January 13, in the school.

Merry Christmas on January 7 to all our friends who celebrate by the Julian Calendar, and Happy New Year on January 14.



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Ladies zones set for Elk Point

Four Elk Point rinks, plus one each from St. Paul and Grand Centre, will take part in the Zone 7 Ladies Curling Playdowns this coming weekend at the Elk Point Curling Club.

Skips Terry Elliott, Debbie Orr, Chris Shankowski and Stella Lorenson will lead their rinks into the competition which starts at 7 p.m. on Friday, January 9, with action continuing Saturday and Sunday.

The winners of the zones will advance to the Northern District Playoffs in Edson, Alberta on January 15 to 19 to compete against 16 zone winning rinks from across northern Alberta.

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4-H: Put your heart into it

The Northeast Regional 4-H Council is again sponsoring the Northeast Regional 4-H Forum. Forum's theme this year is - 4-H: Put Your Heart Into It! The event is being held in Vegreville on February 14th, 1987. The Leader Recognition Banquet will follow in the evening. This event is a great chance for all 4-H leaders, senior members and parents to put their heart into the 4-H program!

The topics tentatively chosen for the days workshops include for leaders:

- Make Learning Fun - Using Games To Teach
- Communication Skill Training for Leaders
- Motivation
- Demonstrations - What, Why & How

The committee has also chosen some select-a-session topics for senior members in mind. The topics include:

- Information on Provincial Programs & Camps
- Communication Skills

A general session on Motivation and fun activities is also in the works.

The Leader Recognition Awards Banquet will be held in the evening after the Forum. The Northeast Regional Council will be recognizing those individuals that have put their heart into 4-H for their time and dedication.

There will be two new features this year! One is the Early Bird Draw. Submit your registration form by January 31, 1987 to qualify for the Early Bird Draw. Registrations will be accepted up to February 6th, however.

The second new feature is the "Participation Challenge". The 4-H clubs and districts are challenged to get as many members and leaders and parents to attend the Forum as possible. There will be a special award for the greatest participation.

Mark February 14th, 1987 on your calendar to attend the 1987 Forum at Vegreville. There is an information package being sent to Club Leaders and Club Secretaries right now. Be sure to ask at your club for details. Also watch "4-H On The Move" for more details.

Trade agreement good for agriculture

Although the "free trade" title itself may be a misnomer, the results of the ongoing trade talks between Canada and the United States should have a positive long term affect on agriculture in Alberta, says a provincial expert.

The comprehensive trade agreement being discussed probably won't please every segment of the industry says Dr. Joe Rosario, director of trade policy for Alberta Agriculture, but generally it will go a long way in putting Canadian and Alberta agriculture producers in a more competitive position with the rest of the world.

"We hear so much about 'free trade' and that is really misleading," said Rosario, in a recent interview. "Everything is so preliminary now I don't know how anyone can say things will be free. What we should see is a comprehensive trade agreement which lays out a system for

trading between the two countries ... an agreement which gets away from the penalties and tariffs and protectionism measures which now affect many Canadian goods when they go across the border."

He says the final agreement with the United States will be important but Alberta producers must remember that the U.S. is only one of Canada's trading partners.

"I don't want to belittle what the agreement will mean, but none the less, it is really only the tip of the iceberg. About 75 per cent of our agricultural trade will still be with other countries," says Rosario.

The policy advisor says while the U.S. agreement is important to the two countries involved, the greater impact may be what it means to Canada in relation to the international trade pact known as GATT.

"A comprehensive trade agree-

ment with the United States in some ways is only a stepping stone in increasing Canadian agriculture's competitive position with the rest of the world."

GATT which stands for General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade is an international agreement created in 1947. Over the years it has grown to include 88 countries and has been very successful in helping to reduce or eliminate trade barriers between its members. It has become a charter governing almost all world trade except for that of the Communist countries.

Its basic principles call for its members, on a basis of "reciprocity and mutual advantage" to negotiate a "substantial reduction in customs

tariffs and other impediments to trade, and the elimination of discriminatory practices in international trade."

With a comprehensive U.S. trade agreement under its belt Canada would be in a better position when arriving with its products at the international marketplace.

"For the Alberta farmer I don't think they should expect things to happen overnight as far as the Canada/U.S. trade agreement is concerned," says Rosario. "Probably early in 1987 the talks will get down to the nitty gritty issues of what will be included in the trade agreement. And according to the timetable established there should be some form of an agreement reached by 1988."

But even at that, Rosario said it will just be a framework which sets things in motion. The actual details of how specific commodities will be sold across the border will still have to be worked out.

"The most important point of this agreement is that it will create a mechanism to allow us (Canada and U.S.) to settle our trade disputes," he said. "It should avoid or eliminate the need for terms such as countervail, safeguard measures, dumping and unfair trade practices."

He says the agreement will resolve the push and shove issues over whether a Canadian or American product is being unfairly subsidized by the government, forcing one side to impose measures against the other.

Hosting: What a wonderful way to discover the world!

Interculture Canada, a not-for-profit organization for intercultural exchange has officially launched its host family search campaign in Alberta.

Thanks to Interculture Canada, Alberta residents now have the opportunity to host a young foreign student who will live as a member of their family for almost a year. After being carefully selected in their own country, 168 young students will spend the 1987/88 school year in Canada. They come from 35 different countries and are between 15 and 18 years old.

Interculture Canada pays special attention to the twinning of the student with the host family. Because of the wide range of applicants, Interculture Canada is able to choose a youth having common traits with the family in terms of interests, activities or even personality. This way, families and students not only discover their similarities but also enjoy the richness of their differences.

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Interculture Canada is a member of AFS International / Intercultural Programs which is the world's largest network of high school exchange programmes operating in 73 countries. Interculture Canada is a not-for-profit and non-governmental organization.

Families interested in getting more information about hosting a student may call toll free 1-800-361-1879 or write to Interculture Canada, 59 rue St-Jacques, Bur. 700., Montreal, Que. H2Y 1K9.

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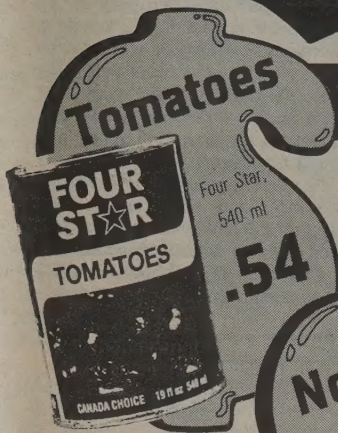
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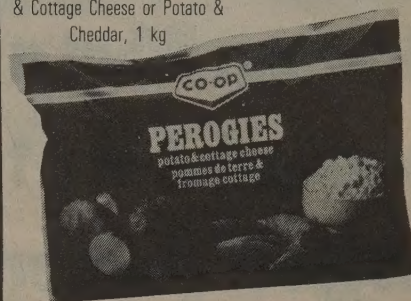
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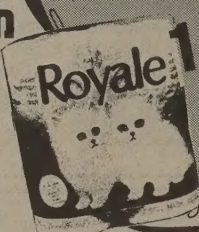
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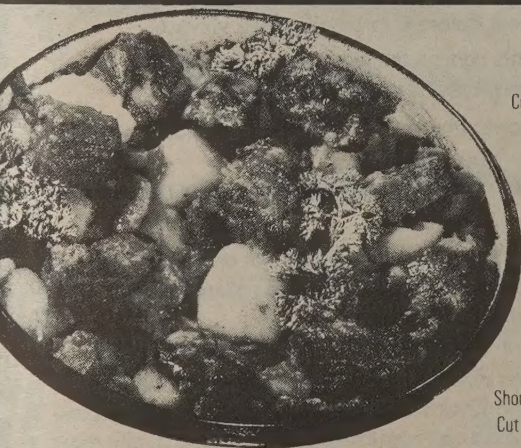
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